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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR ALLOCATING STORAGE REGIONS AND PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE METHOD BASED ON HINTS, STORAGE DEVICE AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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